Influenzia Patients in the Country

232. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise figure of Influenza patients during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that supply of the three indigenous anti-Influenza vaccines has been abandoned; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Data on incidence of Influenza is not being complied.

(b) and (c) The anti influenza vaccine is not a part of national immunization programme as such the vaccine is neither procurred not supplied by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Practice of Local Purchase in the Homoeopathic CGHS Dispensaries

233. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Homoeopathic CGHS Dispensaries/Units in Delhi are not following the practice of local purchase of medicines as is done in the case of Allopathic/Ayurvedic CGHS Dispensaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the beneficiaries are facing lot of difficulties due to non-availability of assential medicines in the Homoeopathic CGHS DispensariesUnits; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Whereas local chemists have been appointed in the case of Allopathic 'Ayurvedic systems for procuring medicines not available in the CGHS dispensary/unit, in the case of Homoeopathic medicines not available in the CGHS dispensary/unit, and indent is placed by the concerned CGHS dispensary/Unit with the Homoeopathic Store Depot, Delhi, who makes the necessary local purchase on a centralised basis for all the Homoeopathic dispensaries4inits in Delhi.

(c) and (d) By and large, no serious shortage of Homoepathic medicines has been encountered.

Setting up of Asian Institute of Public health in Kerala by John Hopkins, U.S.A.

234. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that John Hopkins School of Public Health, U.S.A., proposes to set up Rs. 700 crore Asian Institute of public Health on a 200 acre plot at Munnar in Kerala; and

(b) the role of the State Government and the Centre in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (b) A proposal to set up an Asian Institute of public Health at Munnar (Kerala) has been received by the Government of Kerala from John hopkins University. USA. As per the Memorandum of understanding signed between the John

Hopkions University and the Government of Kerala, the State Government is required to assist in identifying and providing the land necessary for setting up the Centre. It is understood that Government land has been identified in the high ranges of Munbar for this purpose. The State Government has sought clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of health and the Ministry of Finance for this Project.